IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, please amend the paragraph beginning at line 2 as follows:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This is a continuation of U.S. application Serial No. 09/247,550, filed February 10, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,751,050, the subject matter of which is incorporated by reference herein and is copending with U.S. application Serial No. 10/022,260, filed December 20, 2001, now U.S. Patent No. 6,665,139, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. application Serial No. 09/247,550, filed February 10, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,751,050.

Page 5, please amend the paragraph beginning at line 25 as follows:

Referring to Fig. 3, there are shown results of measurements for relationship between the disc-shroud gap and the amplitude of flutter. Specifically, with the use of magnetic discs having an outer diameter of 3.5 inches, the discs were rotated at 7,200 rpm while amplitudes of flutter were measured by a displacement gage utilizing LDV (laser Doppler Velocity) while the disc-shroud gap is changed from 0.2 mm, to 0.4 mm, 0.6 mm, ~~0.81, 2 mm~~ 0.8 mm, 1.2 mm, 2.5 mm, 4mm and to 6 mm. The results of the measurements, which are averaged and normalized, that is, are non-dimensional values, are shown in Fig. 3.